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Judicial Merit Selection Commission
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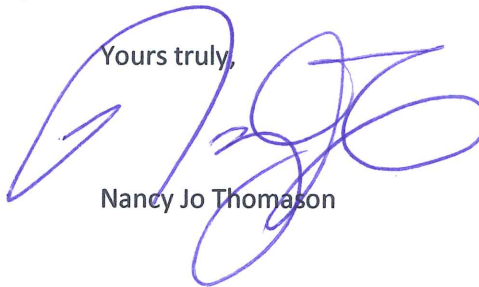
RE: Personal Data Questionnaires

Dear Jane:

Enclosed please find completed questionnaires for the Fall 2014 Screening.
Also, enclosed is attendance record along with completed vouchers.

Thank you very much for your kind attention to this matter.

Yours truly,



Nancy Jo Thomason

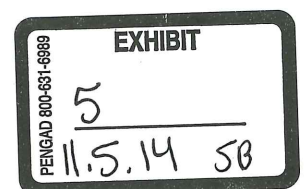
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Update Citizens Committee Report
 Court Name, Seat *Court Appeals Seats*

Candidate's Name: *John Cannon*
 Fall Screening 2014

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Date

Candidate's Name



9/16/19

Hon. John Cannon Lewis

Upstate Citizens Committee Report

Court Name, Seat Court of Appeals Seat 6

Candidate's Name: Appellate K. Kendrick

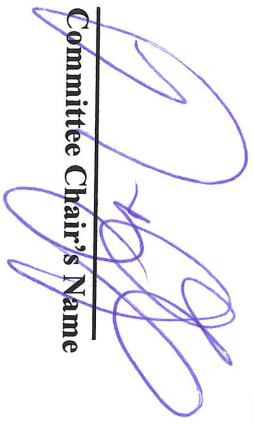
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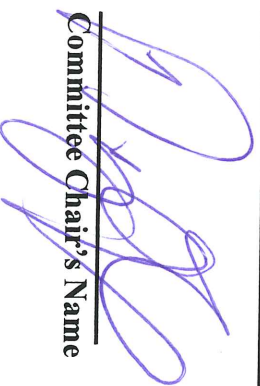
Upstate Citizens Committee Report
Circuit Court Name, Seat 13th Circuit Seat 1
 Candidate's Name: James C. Alexander
 Fall Screening 2014

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 Fall Screening 2014

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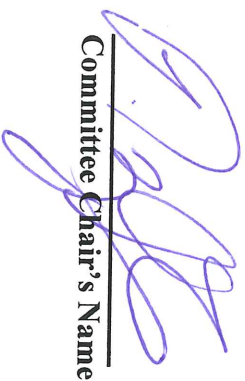
Upstb Citizens Committee Report
Circuit Court Name, Seat 13th Circuit, Seat 3
 Candidate's Name: Robin B. Stillwell
 Fall Screening 2014

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Hon. Robin B. Stowell
Candidate's Name

Upstate Citizens Committee Report

Circuit Court Name, Seat At Large, Seat 4
Candidate's Name: Edward W. Miller, Seat 4

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9/10/14

Hon. Edward A. "Al" Miller

Upstate Citizens Committee Report

Greenville Court Name, Seat At Large Seat 5

Candidate's Name: J. Mark Hayes II
Fall Screening 2014

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Hon. J. Mark Hayes, II
Candidate's Name

Upstate Citizens Committee Report

Circuit Court Name, Seat A+ Large Seat 7

Candidate's Name: Wardell Mackey, Jr.

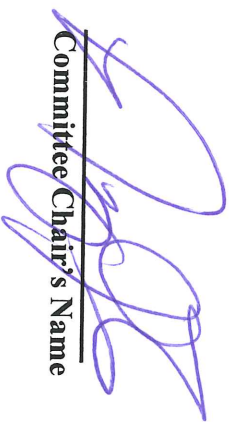
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Hon. J. Corbett Maddox, Sr.
Candidate's Name

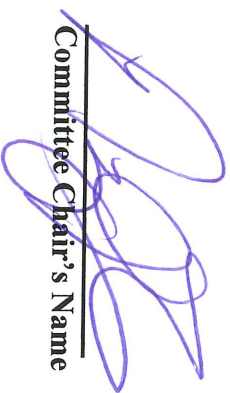
Upstate Citizens Committee Report
 Court Name, Seat Master in Equity
 Candidate's Name Charles B. Simmons, Jr. 13th Circuit
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6. Physical Health: The demands of the judicial office require a high level of performance, and a candidate must be both mentally and physically capable of performing the duties of the office sought with or without reasonable accommodation for any mental or physical impairment that substantially limits a major life activity.			X X
7. Mental Stability: The demands of the judicial office require a high level of performance, and a candidate must be both mentally and physically capable of performing the duties of the office sought with or without reasonable accommodation for any mental or physical impairment that substantially limits a major life activity.			X X

8. Experience: The extent and variety of a candidate's experience as an attorney or as a judge or both should be considered in light of the nature of the judicial vacancy to be filled.	Unqualified	Qualified	Well-Qualified
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Candidate's Name: Seiden G. Cooper Seiden in Equity Spartanburg Ct.
Fall Screening 2014

	Unqualified	Qualified	Well-Qualified
1. Constitutional Qualifications: A candidate must meet the constitutional or statutory requirements of citizenship, residence, age, and professional experience.		X	
2. Ethical Fitness: A candidate must have the ability to perform adjudicative duties impartially and to deal with litigants, lawyers, witnesses, and other courtroom participants objectively and without bias. A candidate should have a sense of humor and must exhibit trustworthiness, moral vigor, and strength of character. A candidate's past action and deeds should demonstrate consistent adherence to high ethical principles and his or her reputation should be above reproach. A candidate must also follow campaigning and pledging laws. At a minimum, a sitting judge will be expected to have complied with the Code of Judicial Conduct's requirements to avoid impropriety, the appearance of impropriety, and partiality.			X
3. Professional and Academic Ability: A candidate is expected to be well-versed in fundamental legal principles and in procedural and evidentiary rules. A candidate must have the ability to communicate in a style that is both lucid and persuasive and must have the intellectual capacity to interpret established legal principles, apply them to specific factual situations, and clearly and logically communicate the reasoning leading up to his or her conclusion. A candidate's academic record, participation in continuing legal education or other seminars, legal writing, and reputation among professional colleagues to evaluate legal knowledge and ability will be reviewed. On the appellate court level, consideration will be given to a candidate's ability to work well with others and to build or reach a consensus when appropriate.			X
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Farm 14
Citizens Committee Report
Candidate's Name: *Robert N. Seale*
Fall Screening 2014

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